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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

Department of Biology

February 20, 1973

Dear Biology Alumnus:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate a direct line of communication between the WKU Department of Biology and its alumni by which mutual interests may be stimulated through periodic sharing of knowledge about our goals and achievements. Herein is a brief biographical sketch of the department.

Early Western catalogs indicate that Dr. Fred Mutchler taught two courses in Biology in 1907, the year after Western's founding as a State Normal School. Since then Western has continually offered formal courses in Biology. The registrar's records indicate that Raymond Lee Brown, the first student here to major in Biology, graduated in 1928, the fourth year after Western became a four-year college. Since then about 1,200 students have graduated from Western with a major in Biology.

Between 1907 and 1928 several faculty were involved in Biology at Western, but those who literally made this the major part of their life's work are the late Drs. M. C. Ford and J. R. Whitmer and Drs. L. Y. Lancaster and H. L. Stephens. Since 1928, Biology at Western has progressed through two major developmental stages and is now in the third. Each of these stages parallels a period of leadership by a different man.

During the first stage, from 1928 through 1940, the affairs of Biology were administered primarily as the Division of Biology within the Ogden Department of Science headed by the late Dr. M. C. Ford. Then the emphasis was on the education of teachers to serve the public schools of the Commonwealth, but many pre-medical and other pre-professional students were also educated. A brief period of graduate offerings between 1932 and 1937 yielded the Master's degree for some 16 recipients, most of whom later distinguished themselves in their chosen area of endeavor.

In the second stage, from 1941 to 1968, the Department of Biology was directed by Dr. H. L. Stephens, who had taught Biology at Western since 1927. The education of public school teachers and students in

pre-professional curricula remained the department's primary function. But during the latter part of this stage, the department, as did Western, expanded rapidly and widely with respect to faculty, facilities, courses offered, and students served. An important milestone was reached in 1966 when Western was given University status and new graduate programs were established.

The other faculty mainstay through most of these years, actually from 1923 through 1960, was Dr. L. Y. Lancaster. Biology at Western is fortunate to have had the contributions of Dr. Lancaster for so long, and still to have available both his and Dr. Stephens' friendship and counsel.

The third and current stage, which began in 1968, is under the leadership of Dr. E. O. Beal. During this time the department has expanded further in faculty and course offerings and has been reorganized and strengthened to meet its challenges as an important segment within a multipurpose university engaged in broader roles of resident instruction, research, and public service. There are now 25 faculty members (see attached list) whose specialties and interests comprise a spectrum extending from the molecular through the populational aspects of living matter, including in addition to the usual biological topics, biochemistry, biophysics, and electron microscopy.

Undergraduate instruction and pre-professional training continue to be important departmental functions. In addition, several research projects are in operation which serve to educate students and yield information useful to mankind. At the present time, 26 students are engaged in Master's programs and one in a PhD program. The latter program being offered on a cooperative basis with the University of Louisville. Off-campus service activities are increasingly more frequent and varied. For example, Western operates a summer Biological Field Station, as a member of the Tech-Aqua Consortium, at Center Hill Reservoir in Tennessee. Thus, Biology has grown and probably will continue to grow here at Western.

The Department of Biology is interested in the current status of its graduates and solicits their support in any way. So that we may keep in contact and exchange ideas I would like for you to complete the enclosed information sheet and return it at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

J. D. Skea

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Associate Professor of Biology

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Enclosure

Faculty of the Department of Biology at Western Kentucky University, including rank, highest degree, university where highest degree was earned, teaching-research specialty, and year of appointment to Western.

Donald W. Bailey, Professor, Ph.D., Emory, Mammalian Physiology, 1962.

Ernest O. Beal, Professor and Head, Ph.D., Iowa, Vascular Plants, 1968.

George C. Bennett, Assistant Professor, M. S., Kentucky, General Biology, 1953.

Thomas P. Coohill, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State, Biophysics, 1972.

Gary E. Dillard, Associate Professor, Ph.D., North Carolina State, Phycology, 1968.

Larry P. Elliott, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Wisconsin, Microbiology, 1965.

Irene M. Erskine, Assistant Professor, M. A., Western Kentucky, General Biology, 1962.

Scott Ford, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Tulane, Microbiology, 1967.

Larry N. Gleason, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., North Carolina, Parasitology, 1970.

B. Mack Houston, Assistant Professor, M.A., Western Kentucky, Human Anatomy and Physiology, 1965.

Martin R. Houston, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Vanderbilt, Cell Biology, 1970.

Robert D. Hoyt, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Louisville, Ichthyology, 1969.

Jeff H. Jenkins, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Louisiana State, Botany-Mycology, 1962.

L. Y. Lancaster, Professor and occupant of the John E. Robinson Chair of Natural Science Emeritus, Ph.D., Ohio State, Zoology, 1923.

Lewis B. Lockwood, Adjunct Professor, Ph.D., Catholic, Microbial Physiology, 1971.

J. Rodney McCurry, Instructor, B. S. North Carolina State, Electron Microscopy, 1969.

Kenneth A. Nicely, Associate Professor, Ph.D., North Carolina State, Plant Taxonomy, 1966.

Patricia B. Pearson, Assistant Professor, M.S., Vanderbilt, General Biology-Ecology, 1966.

Rudolph Prins, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Louisville, Limnology-Invertebrate Zoology, 1968.

D. Hugh Puckett, Professor, Ph.D., Virginia, Zoology-Endocrinology, 1964.

Herbert E. Shadowen, Professor, Ph.D., Louisiana State, Ornithology-Entomology, 1961.

Lisle R. Sherrill, Associate Professor, M.A., Indiana, General Biology, 1946.

James D. Skean, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Tennessee, Microbiology, 1966.

H. L. Stephens, Professor and Head Emeritus, Ph.D., Wisconsin, Botany, 1927.

Frank R. Toman, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Kansas State, Biochemistry-Plant Physiology, 1966.

Joe E. Winstead, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Texas, Ecology, 1968.

T. Alan Yungbluth, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Minnesota, Genetics, 1966.

Western Kentucky University
Biology Alumni Information Sheet
Date

PERSONAL DATA:

Name _____

Address _____

Year Graduated From Western

Subsequent Educational Experience and/or Degrees Earned

Brief Autobiographical Sketch (Family, profession, achievements, etc. since graduating from Western)

General Comments:

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BIOLOGY FACULTY - WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY 1959-1973

1959-60

Anderson, Lucia
 Bennett, George
 Lancaster, L.Y.*
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Simons, Margaret*
 Stephens, H.L.

 $453 \div 6 = 75$

1960-61

Anderson, Lucia
 Bennett, George
 *Crosby, E.
 *Norris, W. W.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Stephens, H.L.

 $511 \div 6 = 85$

1961-62

Anderson, Lucia
 Bennett, George
 Crosby, E.
 Norris, W. W.
 *Shadowen, H. E.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Stephens, H. L.

 $615 \div 7 = 88$

1962-63

Anderson, Lucia
 *Bailey, D.
 Bennett, George
 Crosby, E.*
 *Matthews, J.
 Norris, W. W.
 Shadowen, H. E.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Stephens, H. L.

 $720 \div 9 = 80$

1963-64

Anderson, Lucia
 Bailey, D.
 Bennett, George
 *Erskine, I. M.
 *Jenkins, J. H.
 Matthews, J.*
 Norris, W. W.
 Shadowen, H. E.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Stephens, H. L.

 $726 \div 10 = 73$

1964-65

Anderson, L.*
 Bailey, D.
 Bennett, G.
 Erskine, I. M.
 Jenkins, J. H.
 Miller, Neil
 *Miller, Phil
 Norris, W. W.*
 Puckett, H.
 Shadowen, H. E.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Stephens, H. L.
 *Stevens, C.

 $869 \div 13 = 67$

1965-66

*Applegate, A.
 Bailey, D.
 Bennett, G.
 *Elliott, L. P.
 Erskine, I. M.
 *Houston, Mack
 Jenkins, J. H.
 Miller, Phil*
 *Moore, B.
 Nickum, J.
 *Parker, J.
 Puckett, D. H.
 Shadowen, H. E.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Steven, C.*

 $984 \div 16 = 62$

1966-67

Applegate, A.
 Bailey, D.
 Bennett, G.
 *Brake, E.
 Elliott, L. P.
 Erskine, I. M.
 Houston, Mack
 Jenkins, J. H.
 Moore, B.
 *Nicely, K. A.
 Parker, J.
 Puckett, D. H.
 Shadowen, H. E.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 *Skean, D.
 Stephens, H. L.
 *Toman, F.
 *Yungbluth, A.

 $1071 \div 18 = 60$

1967-68

Applegate, A.
 Bailey, D.
 *Beal, E. O. ($\frac{1}{2}$)(Spring)
 Bennett, G.
 Brake, E.
 Elliott, L. P.
 Erskine, I. M.
 *Ford, S.
 Houston, Mack
 Jenkins, J. H.
 *Kramer, D. ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
 Moore, B.*
 Nicely, K. A.
 Parker, J.
 *Pearson, P. ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
 Puckett, D. H.
 Shadowen, H. E.
 Sherrill, L. R.
 Skean, J.
 Stephens, H. L.
 Toman, F.
 Yungbluth, A.

 $1152 \div 20\frac{1}{2} = 56$

1968-69

Applegate, A.
Bailey, D.
Beal, E. O.
Bennett, G.
Brake, E.
*Dillard, G.
Elliott, L. P.
Erskine, I. M.
Ford, S.
Houston, Mack
Jenkins, J. H.
Kramer, D. ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)*
*McCurry, J. R.
Nicely, D. A.
Parker, J.
Pearson, P.
*Prins, R.
Puckett, D. H.
Shadowen, H. E.
Sherrill, L. R.
Skean, J.
Stephesn, H. L.*
Toman, F.
*Winstead, J.
Yungbluth, A.

1143 \div 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 47

1971-72

Bailey, D.
Beal, E. O.
Bennett, G.
Bluh, O* ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
Brake, G.*
Dillard G.
Elliott, L. P.
Erskine, I. M.
Ford, S.
Gleason, L.
Houston, Mack
Houston, Martin
Hoyt, R.
Jenkins, J. H.
X McCurry, J. R.
Nicely, K. A.
Pearson, P.
Prins, R.
Puckett, D. H.
Shadowen, H. E.
Sherrill, L. R.
Skean, J.
Toman, F.
Winstead, J.
Yungbluth, A.

858 \div 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 35

1969-70

Applegate, A.*
Bailey, D.
Beal, E. O.
Bennett, G.
Brake, E.
Dillard, G.
Elliott, L. P.
Erskine, I. M.
Ford, S.
Gleason, L.
Houston, Mack
*Hoyt, R. Martin
Jenkins, J. H.
McCurry, R. J.
Nicely, K. A.
Parker, J.*
Pearson, P.
Prins, R.
Puckett, D. H.
Shadowen, H. E.
Sherrill, L. R.
Skean, J.
Toman, F.
Winstead, J.
Yungbluth, A.

1099 \div 24 = 46

1972-73

Bailey, D.
Beal, E. O.
Bennett, G.
*Coohill, T. ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
Dillard, G.
Elliott, L. P.
Erskine, I. M.
Ford, S.
Gleason, L. on
Houston, Mack*
Houston, Martin
Hoyt, R.
Jenkins, J. H.
X McCurry, R.
Nicely, K. A.
Pearson, P.
Prins, R.
Puckett, D. H.
Shadowen, H.
Sherrill, L. R.
Skean, J.
Toman, F.
Winstead, J.
Yungbluth, A.

762 \div 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 32

1970-71

Bailey, D.
Beal, E. O.
Bennett, G.
*Bluh, O. ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
Brake, G.
Dillard, G.
Elliott, L.
Erskine, I. M.
Ford, S.
Gleason, L.
Houston, Mack
*Houston, Martin
Hoyt, R.
Jenkins, J. H.
McCurry, J. R.
Nicely, K. A.
Pearson, P.
Prins, R.
Puckett, D. H.
Shadowen, H.
Sherrill, L. R.
Skean, J.
Toman, F.
Winstead, J.
Yungbluth, A.

881 \div 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 36

1973-74

Bailey, D.
Beal, E. O.
Bennett, G.*
Coohill, T. ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
Dillard, G.
Elliott, L. P.
Erskine, I. M.
Ford, S.
Gleason, L.
Houston, Martin
Hoyt, R.
Jenkins, J. H.
X McCurry, R.
Nicely, K. A.
Pearson, P.
Prins, R.
Puckett, H.
Shadowen, H.
Sherrill, L. R.
Skean, J.
Toman, F.
Winstead, J.
Yungbluth, A.

726 \div 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 32

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- First Year

* - Last Year

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BIOLOGY 1973 - 1974

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